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1. RECENT DISCUSSIONS AND CONFERENCES INVOLVING OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE JAPANESE ECONOMIC SPECIALISTS REVEAL INCREASING AGREEMENT WITH NEED LINK INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND MONETARY NEGOTIATIONS AND SUPPORT FOR MULTILATERAL SOLUTIONS. TOKYO GATT CONFERENCE ESPECIALLY SHOWED CONSIDERABLE OFFICIAL CONSENSUS FAVORING THIS POLICY IN PRINCIPLE. SOME RESISTENCE CONTINUES IN BUSINESS, ACADEMIC, MEDIA AND GOVERNMENT CIRCLES. JAPANESE TEND TO BE CLOSER TO U.S. POSITION ON TRADE AND SOMEWHERE BETWEEN U.S. AND EC (FRENCH) ON MONETARY MATTERS. WITH REGARD LATTER, CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION CURRENTLY BEING GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY OF JAPAN ACTING AS BRIDGE AND PROVIDING COMPROMISE SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH OF US AND EC.

2. PARTICIPANTS IN ECONOMIC PACKAGED PROGRAM URGED TAKE NOTE OF GROWING ACCEPTANCE OF NEED ACHIEVE MULTILATERAL SOLUTIONS TRADE AND MONETARY PROBLEMS AND REQUESTED CONCENTRATE THEIR REMARKS ON SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS DIRECTED TOWARD ACHIEVING MULTILATERAL SOLUTIONS. THEY SHOULD ADDRESS JAPANESE AUDIENCE ON HOW WE SHOULD REACH SUCH SOLUTIONS.

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